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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING THE STATE  
OF BANK NOTES

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB08. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF RELEVENCY**

All of the documents identified on the appended PTO/SB08 form are in the English language and the relevancy of the documents is self-evident. Further, the listed document was cited in an examination report dated January 18, 2008 in co-pending application EP 1011079A1.

**STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS**

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Respectfully submitted,  
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